



Lincolnshire
Integrated Care Board

Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board

Bridge House
The Point
Lions Way
Sleaford
NG34 8GG

Tel: 01522 573939
Email: licb.office@nhs.net

18 January 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 72197

I refer to your email of 03 January 2023 requesting information in relation to Patient Choice and the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Award process.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below.

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act and the Code of Practice on Openness in the NHS.

Please confirm the ICB holds the following data, and where it is held please provide the data as requested.

Patient Choice, Provider Selection Regime (PSR), Standing Rules

Please provide the following information:

- 1. The ICB's arrangements to enable providers to express an interest in providing services subject to Patient Choice and PSR Direct Award Process B**
The ICBs accreditation process for providers to apply to provide legal right to choice services is on the ICB website:
<https://lincolnshire.icb.nhs.uk/documents/patient-choice-accreditation-process/>
PSR Direct Award B applies when the ICB makes a decision to commission and contract for a service. As and when we do so we will publish the opportunity and invite providers to apply and there would be an assessment of the providers ability to meet the requirements for the service being commissioned. We do not currently have any plans for specific services to be subject to an opportunity for providers to apply under PSR Direct Award B but we will keep this under review.

2. The ICB's accreditation process for providers of services subject to Patient Choice and PSR Direct Award Process B

The ICBs accreditation process for providers to apply to provide legal right to choice services is on the ICB website:

<https://lincolnshire.icb.nhs.uk/documents/patient-choice-accreditation-process/>

3. The name of the person responsible for Patient Choice at the ICB

The choice accreditation process is the responsibility of the ICB Associate Director of Contracting and Procurement: Tim Fowler.

The person responsible for patient choice is the responsibility of the Planned Care and Diagnostic Programme Director: Sarah Brinkworth.

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit
FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team
1st Floor, St John's House
East Street
Leicester
LE1 6NB

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the ICB.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: telephone 0303 123 1113, email icocasework@ico.org.uk and <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Under the terms of the Open Government Licence, you may use and re-use the information provided within this response (not including logos or photographs), free of charge in any format or medium; unless identified as another party's copyright.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>

Yours faithfully

Lindsay Parker
Senior Freedom of Information Officer

**On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB**